

# TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD MUSEUMS

**Note:** Dates and times are always subject to change.

Please visit the listed website or call the listed phone number to verify hours of operation.

## CHILDREN

### LONG ISLAND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

11 Davis Ave., off Charles Lindbergh Blvd. at Mitchel Field, Garden City, NY 11530; 224-5800. Open Thurs. - Sun.

10 AM - 3 PM. Closed some holidays. The Long Island Children's Museum is a "hands on" environment where children and their families can explore interactive exhibits and programs. Designed for children infant to 12, LICM offers visitors the opportunity to learn by doing. Tickets or info: [licm.org/gettickets](http://licm.org/gettickets) or [licm.org/COVID](http://licm.org/COVID) or [licm.org](http://licm.org)

## NATURE

### HOFSTRA ARBORETUM

129 Hofstra University, Physical Plant Dept., Hempstead, NY 11549; 463-6623. Open all year from dawn to dusk. Hofstra University campus has been officially designated a National Arboretum. The Arboretum features over 12,000 trees representing almost 625 different species and varieties. Call for more information.

### TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM & PRESERVE

2225 Washington Ave., Seaford, NY 11783; 571-7443. Open year round

Thurs. - Sun. 11 AM - 4 PM. A museum of natural history. Tackapausha Museum directs its attention to the living things in our environment, featuring the animals and plants of Long Island. The 84-acre preserve with streams, ponds and 5 miles of hiking trails is a wildlife sanctuary devoted to nature, recreation and education. Over 100 live animals housed in museum.

### JONES BEACH ENERGY & NATURE CENTER

Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh Pkwy., Wantagh. 809-8222. A pioneering facility exploring how energy consumption shapes the natural environment. The Center activates the coastal landscape as a living example of these relationships. The net-zero building models how architecture, design, and technology can adapt to a changing environment to meet our energy needs. Through dynamic and accessible indoor and outdoor exhibits, educational programming and public events, the Center showcases ways visitors can become conscientious environmental stewards and smart energy consumers. [jonesbeachenc.org](http://jonesbeachenc.org)



## POLICE HISTORY

### NASSAU COUNTY POLICE GEORGE F. MAHER MUSEUM

1490 Franklin Ave., Mineola, NY 11501; 573-7620. Call for appointment. Group tours of Police Museum for 4th graders and above. Displays of over 80 years of old station houses, weapons, uniforms and vehicles.

## FIRE HISTORY

### THE FRANCIS X. PENDL NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

1 Davis Ave., off Charles Lindbergh Blvd. Garden City, NY 11530; 572-4177. Open Tues. - Sun. 10 AM - 5 PM. Closed Monday except July & Aug. Hours may vary. Call for info. The museum displays the proud history of volunteer firefighting in Nassau County with a collection of historic and contemporary firematic memorabilia and equipment. The center is used to educate the public about fire safety and prevention. September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial dedicated to Nassau County Volunteer Firefighters. [ncfiremuseum.org](http://ncfiremuseum.org).



# LOCAL HISTORY

## **AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NASSAU COUNTY**

110 North Franklin St., Hempstead, NY 11550; 572-0730. Open year round, Tues. - Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM except holidays. By appointment only. The museum interprets the heritage and contributions of African Americans, and is the center for their history, culture and creative expression on Long Island. [theaamuseum.org](http://theaamuseum.org)

## **BALDWIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM**

1980 Grand Avenue, Baldwin, NY 11510. For appointments e-mail: [baldwinhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:baldwinhistoricalsociety@gmail.com). Open Sun. 1 PM - 4 PM and by appointment. Closed Jan. & Feb. The museum maintains a collection of Baldwin artifacts and history. [baldwinhistoricalsociety.com](http://baldwinhistoricalsociety.com)

## **EAST ROCKAWAY GRIST MILL MUSEUM**

Woods Ave. and Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518; 887-6320. Village Hall - 887-6300. June - Labor Day (closed July 4<sup>th</sup> & Labor Day), Sat. & Sun. 1 PM - 5 PM. Call to confirm hours. Now over 330 years old, the Grist Mill has two floors filled with historical artifacts, an old fire pump engine, Indian exhibits and period costumes. A Town of Hempstead landmark. [villageofeastrockaway.org](http://villageofeastrockaway.org)

## **FREEPORT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

350 South Main St., Freeport, NY 11520; 623-9632. Open Sun. 2 PM - 5 PM, April 26 - Nov. Call for group tours. Established 1961, this historical building (portion circa 1863) houses artifacts special to Freeport's uniqueness, including Vaudeville era artifacts, waterfront memorabilia and period fashions. Also includes genealogical room on Freeport homes, families and Freeport Fire Department exhibit. [freeporthistorymuseum.org](http://freeporthistorymuseum.org)

## **THE GARDEN CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

109 Eleventh Street, Garden City, NY 11530; 746-0090. Open: Thurs. 11 AM - 2 PM. Call for hours. Guided tours of one of the first structures in Garden City built by founder Alexander T. Stewart in 1872. The museum maintains archives pertaining to Garden City. The Society's A.T. Stewart Exchange consignment shop (call for hours) offers unique antique purchases. [TGCHS.org](http://TGCHS.org)

## **HISTORIC NUNLEY'S CAROUSEL**

1 Davis Ave., off Charles Lindbergh Blvd. at Mitchel Field, Garden City, NY 11530; 572-4111. Open: Tues. - Fri. NOON - 4 PM; Sat., Sun. & Holidays NOON - 5 PM, July thru Labor Day Mon. - Sun. NOON - 5 PM. Built in 1912, the fully restored 40-horse carousel is a historic object of outstanding design, workmanship and artistry. [cradleofaviation.org](http://cradleofaviation.org)

## **LEVITTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Levittown Memorial Education Center, 150 Abbey Lane, off east parking lot, Levittown, NY 11756; 434-7140. Open Wed. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM; Fri. 7 PM - 9 PM or by appointment. The museum houses a collection of memorabilia from the 40s and 50s. Photographs, furnishings and appliances from original Levitt homes. A walk through this simulated Levitt residence offers an engaging glimpse of Levittown's history. [levittownhistoricalsociety.com](http://levittownhistoricalsociety.com)

## **JOSEPH L. LANDERS MEMORIAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION**

369 Ocean Ave., Malverne, NY 11565; 792-1910. Call for hours. Tours by appointment only. The museum contains local memorabilia with each room having its own theme. An outstanding feature is the chimney with its dedicated bricks honoring former and present Malverne families. Look for the photo display of the stores and their proprietors circa 1954. [malvernehistory.org](http://malvernehistory.org)

## **PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION**

143 Hendrickson Ave. (between Fletcher and Corona Aves.), Valley Stream, NY 11580; 872-4159. Tours by appointment only. A splendid example of a restored Victorian home owned by Robert Pagan, a farmer from Scotland. Listed on the National Register of Historical Places and operated by the Valley Stream Historical Society. Oldest gas station in Nassau County on property and country store. [vsvny.gov/tour](http://vsvny.gov/tour)

## **MUSEUM OF THE VILLAGE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE**

Phillips House Museum, 28 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 11570; 764-7459; Hours: Sept. - June, Sat. & Sun. 1 PM - 4 PM; July & Aug., Sun. 1 PM - 4 PM. An authentic Victorian home, circa 1880. Houses a collection of kitchen and carpentry tools, examples of period furniture and original Victorian clothing and Native American local artifacts. Extensive archives. [rcvny.us](http://rcvny.us)

### **NYCB PRESENTS CRADLE OF AVIATION**

1 Davis Ave., off Charles Lindbergh Blvd. at Mitchel Field, Garden City, NY 11530; 572-4111. Open Tues. - Sun. 10 AM - 5 PM. Closed Sept. 6 - 19, 2021; then call for fall and winter hours. An educational, cultural and recreational complex. This state-of-the-art facility houses a collection of more than 70 air and space craft, and includes the Leroy R. and Rose W. Grumman Dome Theater and the Jet Blue Sky Theater Planetarium.



### **ROCK HALL (A TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD MUSEUM)**

199 Broadway, Lawrence, NY 11559 • 239-1157. Open year round (except major holidays). Wed. - Sat. 10 AM - 4 PM; Sun. NOON - 4 PM. By appointment only. Rising majestically from the modern landscape in Lawrence is Hempstead Town's tribute to our colonial heritage. This 1767 landmark was once the home of the Martin and Hewlett families. The museum is a fine example of Georgian architecture with period furnishings. Permanent cold storage and archaeology exhibit. An educational program is available to school groups. [friendsofrochhall.org](http://friendsofrochhall.org)



### **SEAFORD HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

3890 Waverly Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783, 783-8629. The museum is open the 1st Sunday of the month 12 PM - 3 PM. Contains unique and educational exhibits that portray life on the South Shore during the 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The building, circa 1893, was originally a schoolhouse, then a firehouse and then a community center for celebrations. [seafordhistoricalsociety.org](http://seafordhistoricalsociety.org)

### **TOLL LODGE PHOTOGRAPHIC MUSEUM**

230 Seventh St., Garden City, NY 11530, 746-7724. Open by appointment only. Housed in Toll Lodge with the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, the mini museum has pictorial accounts of the era when William K. Vanderbilt staged auto races and built the world's first parkway; a 48-mile toll road linking Queens and Ronkonkoma.

### **WANTAGH MUSEUM**

1700 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793; 826-8767. Open mid April - mid Nov., Sun. 2 PM - 4 PM. Call for appointment. The museum resides in three structures: The Station, The "Jamaica" Railroad Car and the Original Wantagh Post Office. Collection of historical photographs and memorabilia from Wantagh's past are housed in the 1885 Wantagh Victorian Railroad Station which has been restored to its 1904 appearance. The 1912 "Jamaica" car was originally built for the Long Island Rail Road. The Original Post Office is a 10' x 12' structure built in 1907. These components give visitors a view of everyday life from an era over 100 years ago. [wantagh.li/museum](http://wantagh.li/museum)



## **ART**

**ADELPHI UNIVERSITY**, South Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530  
[art-galleries.adelphi.edu](http://art-galleries.adelphi.edu)

### **OUTDOOR SCULPTURE BIENNIAL**

877-4460. Open daily 9 AM - 9 PM. Closed on holidays. Featured sculptures by various artists.

### **PERFORMING ARTS CENTER GALLERY**

(2<sup>nd</sup> floor) 877-4460. Open daily 9 AM - 9 PM. Closed on holidays. Exhibitions feature work by guest artists, faculty and students.

### **SWIRBUL LIBRARY GALLERY**

877-4460. Open Mon. - Thurs. 8 AM - 12 AM; Fri. & Sat. 8 AM - 6 PM; Sun. 10 AM - 12 AM. Closed holidays. Collection of guest artists, faculty and student shows, university archives and special collections.



**HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART**, 112 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11550  
[hofstra.edu/museum](http://hofstra.edu/museum)

463-5672, 463-3565. Currently closed, but available virtually. The museum includes the Emily Lowe Gallery, the David Filderman Gallery and the Outdoor Sculpture Collection. Permanent collections include more than 5,000 works of art and cultural artifacts in varied media dating from the ancient to the contemporary, with a focus on American Art of the 18<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. The museum offers a variety of public programs for adults, families, seniors and pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes such as free family exploration backpacks as guides for exploring sculptural works indoors and outdoors. The Outdoor Sculpture Collection includes more than 70 works throughout the 250-acre campus and includes sculptures by Seymour Lipton, Paulanship and Henry Moore.



**NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE**, One Education Drive, Garden City, NY 11530  
[ncc.edu/firehousegallery](http://ncc.edu/firehousegallery)

**THE PLAZA ART GALLERY**

Plaza Level of Tower; 572-9699. Open to the public, free of charge and is handicap accessible. Included in the five exhibitions presented each year are one person and/or group exhibitions, an annual Art Faculty Exhibit and a juried Art Student Exhibit. The Plaza Art Gallery follows the Academic Calendar and closes for all college holidays as well as weather closings. The schedule is subject to change, check website for updates.